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STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS,

1920, No. 255.

COIN, COLONIES, AND PROTECTORATES.

The Gold Coast and Dependencies Coinage Order, 1920.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 9th day of February, 1920.

Present,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty.

Lord President. Lord Colebrooke.
Earl Curzon of Kedleston. Sir Frederick Ponsonby.

Whereas by virtue of certain Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, dated the 13th day of January, 1886, providing, amongst other things, for the government of the Gold Coast (in this Order referred to as "the Colony"), Her late Majesty Queen Victoria reserved to Herself, Her heirs and successors the right, with the advice of Her or their Privy Council, of making laws for the peace, order and good government of the Colony:

And whereas His Majesty has power to make laws for the peace, order, and good government of His Majesty's possession of Ashanti:

And whereas by treaty, grant, usage, sufferance, and other lawful means, His Majesty has power and jurisdiction over the territories of West Africa now known as the Northern Territories of the Gold Coast (in this Order referred to as "the Northern Territories"):

And whereas His Majesty by Orders in Council dated respectively the 13th day of February, 1912,(a) and the 7th day of May, 1913,(b) (in this Order referred to as "the Order of 1913"), made provision with respect to the currency in the Colony, Ashanti, and the Northern Territories:

And whereas it appears to His Majesty to be expedient to make further provision with respect to the currency of the Colony, Ashanti and the Northern Territories:

(a) S. R. & O., 1912, No. 179. (b) S. R. & O., 1913, No. 538.

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Now, therefore, His Majesty, in pursuance of all powers vested in Him in that behalf, and in particular, so far as relates to the Colony, of the powers reserved to Him by the said Letters Patent, and, so far as relates to the Northern Territories, of the powers vested in Him by the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890,(a) is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows :—

Coinage of coins of mixed metal.

1.—(1) In addition to the local silver coins to be coined under the Order of 1913, there shall be coined under the direction of the Master of His Majesty's Royal Mint in England, for use in the Colony, Ashanti, and the Northern Territories as well as in His Majesty's other colonies, protectorates, and territories in West Africa, coins of mixed metal of the same denomination and of the standard weights as those specified for the purpose of the said local silver coins in the First Schedule to the Order of 1913.

(2) The coins of mixed metal so coined (in this Order referred to as "the mixed metal coins") shall be of such design and shall have such impressions as may be approved by the Master of the Mint and by a Secretary of State.

(3) A remedy or variation from the standard weights shall be allowed in the case of the mixed metal coins of an amount not exceeding the weight of one piece in every eighty pieces.

(4) The mixed metal coins shall be current and legal tender in the Colony, Ashanti, and the Northern Territories, in the same manner in all respects as the said local silver coins, and paragraph (4) of Article 2 of the Order of 1913 (except so much thereof as relates to coins diminished in weight so as to be of less weight than the least current weight) shall apply accordingly.

Construction of Order of 1913.

2. The provisions of this Order shall be deemed to be included in the Order of 1913, and that Order shall be construed and have effect accordingly.

Short title and commencement.

3.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Gold Coast and Dependencies Coinage Order, 1920.

(2) This Order shall come into operation in the Colony, Ashanti, and the Northern Territories respectively, on the day on which it is proclaimed by the Governor of the Colony in each of those areas respectively.

And the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and the Right Honourable Viscount Milner, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, are to give the requisite directions herein accordingly.

Almeric Fitzroy.

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